

Having thus described the invention, the following is claimed:

1. A compact, ergonomic telephony keypad comprising three principle buttons capable of performing twelve distinct electronic switch operations; said three principle buttons being positioned in a group upon said telephony keypad with each said button formed for tactile manipulation to achieve four of said twelve switch operations, each said button further being formed having four tactile depressible areas positioned thereon around an imaginary central axis, and, said four tactile depressible areas being spaced about equally apart around the imaginary central axis of each of said principle buttons.
2. A telephony keypad of claim 1, wherein said three principle buttons are spaced apart and positioned relative to each other so as to maximize the spacing of said twelve depressible areas, while, minimizing the distance between said principle buttons.
3. A telephony keypad of claim 1, wherein each said principle button is formed being tiltable in four different directions away from said imaginary central axis.

4. A telephony keypad of claim 1, wherein each said principle button is formed having a periphery, and each said tactile depressible area is positioned proximate to said periphery.
5. A telephony keypad of claim 1, wherein each said depressable area of each said button is structurally raised to aid a user with said tactile manipulation.
6. A telephony keypad of claim 1, wherein each said principle button has a predetermined geometric shape with a predetermined number of sides, and, said number of sides is divisible by four using whole numbers.
7. A telephony key pad of claim 6, wherein the predetermined shape of each said principle button is octagonal.
8. A compact, ergonomic telephony keypad comprising three principle buttons capable of performing twelve distinct electronic switch operations; said three principle buttons being positioned in a group upon said telephony keypad with each said button formed for tactile manipulation to achieve four of said twelve switch operations, each said button further being formed having four tactile depressible areas positioned thereon around an imaginary central axis, said four tactile depressible areas being spaced about equally apart around the imaginary central axis of each of said principle buttons, and further wherein, said

three principle buttons are spaced apart and positioned relative to each other so as to maximize the spacing of said twelve depressible areas, while, minimizing the distance between said principle buttons.

9. A telephony keypad of claim 8, wherein each said principle button is formed being tiltable in four different directions away from said imaginary central axis.

10. A telephony keypad of claim 8, wherein each said principle button is formed having a periphery, and each said tactile depressible area is positioned proximate to said periphery.

11. A telephony keypad of claim 8, wherein each said depressible area of each said button is structurally raised to aid a user with said tactile, manipulation.

12. A telephony keypad of claim 8, wherein each said principle button has a predetermined geometric shape with a predetermined number of sides, and said number of sides is divisible by four using whole numbers.

13. A telephony key pad of claim 12, wherein the predetermined shape of each said principle button is octagonal.

14. A compact, ergonomic telephony keypad comprising three principle buttons capable of performing twelve distinct electronic switch operations; said three principle buttons being positioned in a group upon said telephony keypad with each said button formed for tactile manipulation to achieve four of said twelve switch operations, each said button further being formed having four tactile depressible areas positioned thereon around an imaginary central axis, said four tactile depressible areas being spaced about equally apart around the imaginary central axis of each of said principle buttons, and, each said principle button further formed being tiltable in four different directions away from said imaginary central axis.
15. A telephony keypad of claim 14, wherein said three principle buttons are spaced apart and positioned relative to each other so as to maximize the spacing of said twelve depressible areas, while, minimizing the distance between said principle buttons.
16. A telephony keypad of claim 14, wherein each said principle button is formed having a periphery, and each said tactile depressible area is positioned proximate to said periphery.
17. A telephony keypad of claim 14, wherein each said depressible area of each said button is structurally raised to aid a user with said tactile, manipulation.

18. A telephony keypad of claim 14, wherein each said principle button has a predetermined geometric shape with a predetermined number of sides, and said number of sides is divisible by four using whole numbers.

19. A telephony key pad of claim 14, wherein said telephony keypad is formed from an overlay material with said three principle buttons formed therein.

20. A telephony key pad of claim 18, wherein the predetermined shape of each said principle button is octagonal.